

NAVIGATING THE IN BETWEEN

Moses' Finest Hour – Message #7

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Exodus 32:9-14

9 Then the LORD said, "I have seen how stubborn and rebellious these people are. 10 Now leave me alone so my fierce anger can blaze against them, and I will destroy them. Then I will make you, Moses, into a great nation." 11 But Moses tried to pacify the LORD his God. "O LORD!" he said. "Why are you so angry with your own people whom you brought from the land of Egypt with such great power and such a strong hand? 12 Why let the Egyptians say, 'Their God rescued them with the evil intention of slaughtering them in the mountains and wiping them from the face of the earth'? Turn away from your fierce anger. Change your mind about this terrible disaster you have threatened against your people! 13 Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. You bound yourself with an oath to them, saying, 'I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars of heaven. And I will give them all of this land that I have promised to your descendants, and they will possess it forever.'" 14 So the LORD changed his mind about the terrible disaster he had threatened to bring on his people.

Exodus 32:30-32

30 The next day Moses said to the people, "You have committed a terrible sin, but I will go back up to the LORD on the mountain. Perhaps I will be able to obtain forgiveness for your sin." 31 So Moses returned to the LORD and said, "Oh, what a terrible sin these people have committed. They have made gods of gold for themselves. 32 But now, if you will only forgive their sin — but if not, erase my name from the record you have written!"

What can we learn from Moses' interceding for the Israelites on Mt. Sinai?

1. Moses, the deliverer, alone understood the seriousness of

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The Apostle Paul also understood this:

- I _____ an apostle (stated in 9 of 11 epistles)
- I am the _____ of the apostles (1 Cor 15:4)
- I am the _____ of the apostles (1 Cor 15:9a)
- I'm not _____ to be called an apostle (1 Cor 15:9b)

2. Moses interceded for the people out of his

_____.

3. Moses demonstrated his love for the people in that he was
even willing to be _____ in their place.

4. Moses foreshadowed another _____
Who would pray for us, love us, and willingly die in our place.

Hebrews 7:25

Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

Romans 8:34 Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

1 John 2:1

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense —Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.